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In re Application of:  
Jeffrey M. Achtermann et al.

Before the Examiner:  
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Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR DISTRIBUTING AND COLLECTING  
BULK DATA BETWEEN A LARGE  
NUMBER OF MACHINES

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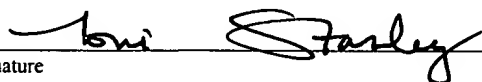
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; Figure 1 (one sheet); *Newton's Telecom Dictionary*, 17<sup>th</sup> Edition (3 pgs.); and Acknowledgment Postcard for the above-identified Application.

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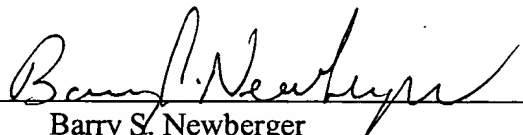
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 20, 2002 (Paper No. 3), with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 20, 2002, please amend the above referenced Application as follows:

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